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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Pre-publication Review of SIGINT Product

1. This responds to your recent query on NSA pre-publication review procedures and the concern you expressed that these procedures might prevent you from having access to certain foreign intelligence.

2. It is NSA policy to insure that foreign intelligence information from SIGINT is disseminated to all customers with a need-to-know. The largest part of the product issued by the U.S. SIGINT system is disseminated almost automatically to customer groupings on the basis of their stated requirements.

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6. Since the promulgation of E.O. 11905, we have not encountered any significant difficulty. We have been able to disseminate all foreign intelligence to the appropriate recipients in the executive branch. There remains, of course, potential for conflict in an exceptional situation wherein an official insists on dissemination which I judge to be inadequate for the foreign intelligence involved. If such a situation should arise, I have the responsibility to inform you as the President's senior intelligence advisor and seek resolution of the issue.

7. In addition, you should know that there are provisions of the Attorney General's guidelines which limit the distribution of certain SIGINT product. Those provisions are described in the inclosure.

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8. It is clear that procedures are necessary to provide some restriction to the broad dissemination of information which may be injurious to U.S. interests or U.S. persons. I must be responsible that the procedures are executed with due care and without degradation of the intelligence process. I will not allow significant foreign intelligence to be withheld from you without bringing the issue to you personally.

9. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you in more detail if you feel it necessary. I am providing a copy of this memorandum to the Secretary of Defense.



LEW ALLEN, JR.
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

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interpreting this wrong. They
are restricted from disseminating
to DCIA or CIA, but DCI
is part of NSA - it is not
dissemination - it is part of
processing of the information - just as
Gen Allen is part of the processing -*

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